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UNO Helps Dollars Make Sense for OPS Teachers

by Wendy Townley

Teachers in the Omaha Public School (OPS) system reversed roles and became students last week.

On Jan. 20, the Center for Economic Education at UNO began classes instructing OPS teachers how to better instruct the topic of economics. Taught at Belvedere School, the class has 53 teachers from local schools.

Among those attending were Brenda Ellis, a first grade teacher at Springville Elementary. "I am taking this class to learn how to incorporate the subject of economics in my classroom," Ellis said. "I'm not sure how to tailor the subject down to a first grade level, so that's why I'm taking the class."

Classroom teachers are not the only ones attending the classes. A librarian from Springville Elementary also became a student this semester.

"I feel very comfortable attending this class," the librarian said. "I feel that there is a great need to awaken our students to economics."

The librarian also explained this need. "The comfort zone many students are growing up with now may not be the comfort zone in the years to come. I hope that I can help

teach these students the best option when, for example, they have the choice to purchase a \$20 pair of jeans or an \$80 pair," the librarian said.

Ellis said that this economic class will be used in conjunction with the math, science and reading classes she currently teaches.

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Dr. Jim Dick, co-director of the Center for Economics Education, said that the idea originated last fall. "The Nebraska Council for Economic Education received funding and decided to begin this type of training," Dick said.

What makes this class unique is that while it is taught by UNO employees, it is held at local elementary schools.

"This is the third class which is held at an



Photo by Chris Machian

UNO's Center for Economic Education is instructing OPS teachers about introducing economics to students.

elementary school," he said.

With a duration of one semester, this session is taught at Belvedere Elementary School. This class meets once a week in the evening. The participating teachers are from several schools in northeast Omaha, Dick said.

He said, "Since the beginning of this program, approximately 100 teachers from the

OPS system have participated."

The Center for Economic Education, along with the Nebraska Council for Economic Education, has facilitated this program.

The Iowa West Foundation, the Omaha Public Schools Foundation and The Walter and Suzanne Scott Foundation funded this program.

Mike Kult Going For the Gold in Nagano

by Kim Schlingman

"Moshi, Moshi?"

Although those words (Japanese for hello) may not be a part of your vocabulary, they'll soon be part of Mike Kult's.

On Feb. 28, Kult, assistant director of Campus Recreation, will fly to Nagano, Japan, site of both the 1998 Olympics and Paralympics. Kult will compete as a member of the U.S. Paralympic ice sled hockey team.

Sled hockey (known as sledge hockey in Canada and Europe) originated in Europe shortly after WWII. In 1989 the sport was introduced to the United States. Although sled hockey has many of the same rules as hockey, there are differences.

According to the American Sled Hockey Association web site, sled hockey has 15-minute periods instead of 20-minute periods and competitors play in a seated position, strapped tightly into bladed sleds that hold them only three inches from the ice. Their sleds aren't the only sharp instruments they play with; their hockey sticks aren't exactly toothless.

As well as being used for shooting, sled hockey sticks are also used for propelling the sleds. Each stick has pointed teeth on the end that sticks up into the air, or pick end. According to Kult, actual saw blades were once used for the pick end. The combination can

be dangerous.

"Two years ago, in Sweden, I checked this guy and it was a clean check," Kult said. "I caught this guy right under his armor (padding), and he ended up with a gash across his stomach."

The sled is made of a lightweight, durable metal with two ice-skate blades attached to the bottom. The plastic seat, or bucket, is very form-fitting. The player is secured in by a seat belt. Kult's bucket is custom-made and very tight.

To have the bucket made, a cast was made of Kult's body, in full uniform and padding, much the way a dental cast is made. The results of such a process, said Kult, is that he is actually part of his sled. It gives him greatly enhanced maneuverability, but, he said laughingly, it also creates a really tight fit.

"To get mine on," said Kult, "I have to lean all the way (on my back) with this (pointing to the front part of his sled) up, so it slips down all the way and I can get that final buckle" clamped down.

The UNO engineering department is helping to modify and improve sled frames for the team. When Kult asked for help, Associate Professor Avery Schwer decided it would become a class project.

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UNO Welcomes New Citizens to America

by Helen Evans

UNO hosted its first Immigration and Naturalization Service Children's Citizenship Ceremony in the Student Center Ballroom.

Participants arrived at 10 a.m. and the ceremony began at 1 p.m.

The Immigration and Naturalization ceremony included a total of 226 adopted international children who were to officially receive certification of adoption, 160 of which

were in actual attendance with their parents and family members. The youth candidates for adoption came from 26 different countries, including Korea, China, India, Russia, Mexico, Romania, Chile, West Africa, and Vietnam.

Pre-ceremony musical selections were performed by Gretna High School's concert choir, under the direction of vocal music coordinator Joel Johnson. The opening introduction began with the playing of the national anthem and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Next was the reading of the Roll of Petitioners and the Administration of the Oath of Allegiance by Omaha officials.

Patriotic music preceded the addresses by the group of guest speakers. Guest speakers for the ceremony included UNO Chancellor, Nancy Belck; Nebraska Congressman, Jon Christensen; Omaha District Adjudication Officer, Ken Zarybnicky; Omaha Deputy District Director, Michael Went; as well as other Omaha community representatives.

The children then received certificates, symbolizing their adoption into their new American families. Gretna High School's concert choir offered post-musical selections at the close of the ceremony and refreshments were served as well.

This was the first time that UNO has hosted an event of this caliber. In addition, this was also the largest ceremony for adopted

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Americans Studying Abroad In Record Numbers

By Christine Tatum CPS

Morgan Collini wasn't about to leave the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for an entire semester. He didn't want to miss football season, his fraternity's spring formal or any of those miscellaneous events that normally filled his hectic schedule. So when he got a chance to study in Italy for a couple of months, he made sure it fell during summer break before his senior year, he said. "In retrospect, I could've stayed in Italy for a whole year with no problem," said Collini, 22, who graduated in May. "I learned so much and had such a good time that I'm going back for three weeks this spring." His travels reflect a growing trend: More American college students than ever are studying abroad, but they're going away for shorter periods of time. Students also are venturing to more diverse destinations, outside of Western Europe, to places in Latin America, Africa and Asia. They slowly are finding that studying abroad is no longer an extravagance reserved for the wealthy or a commitment requiring a year-long stay away from family and friends. A recent study conducted by the Institute of International Learning reveals that more than

89,200 students earned academic credit while studying abroad in 1995-96—an increase of 5.7 percent over the previous year and the continuation of a decade-long growth pattern. That's still less than 1 percent of the nation's 15 million college students, but researchers say the increase shows the growing importance Americans place on gaining experience

York's Hobart and William Smith Colleges, in that group. She's traveled to Germany three times since her junior year. Now she's job hunting with hopes of landing a position at Daimler Benz, manufacturer of the Mercedes Benz. "When you speak a foreign language and have taken the time to live abroad, I think it says something important about the nature

not." Convinced that students are learning lessons abroad that lectures and textbooks could never teach them, colleges and universities are increasingly encouraging students to step outside of campus borders and across foreign ones. They're offering programs designed to fit just about any schedule and budget. One-semester and summer programs attracted more than 70 percent of students studying abroad in 1995-96, the IIL reported. For many students, getting into one was as simple as visiting the financial aid office on campus. "I was really surprised to find that there's tons of money all over the place for people who want to travel—grants, loans and scholarships," said Scruggs, who combined student loans and the money she earned from summer jobs to pay for her trip. "I even saw this one offer where all you had to do was write a proposal stating what you wanted to do abroad and why you wanted to do it. 'I tell everyone to travel while they're in school,' she added. "With all the student offers and discounts out there, it's cheaper than it ever will be again." Many universities also have designed programs to help more students who wish to study abroad. New York University, for example, offers a program called "Speaking Freely," a series of conversation classes designed to prepare freshman to study abroad during their junior year. Of the 600 students enrolled annually, about 80 percent

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abroad." I think young people are waking up and seeing that if they want to become world leaders, they have to know the world better," said IIL President Richard Krasno. "The private sector also seems to be getting word out that a young person with foreign language competency or an international cultural experience has a slight edge over those who don't." American students are quite pragmatic," he continued. "They'll do what it takes to get a good job—but they'll also have a great time doing it." Count 23-year-old Heather Prime, a recent graduate of New

York's Hobart and William Smith Colleges, in that group. She's traveled to Germany three times since her junior year. Now she's job hunting with hopes of landing a position at Daimler Benz, manufacturer of the Mercedes Benz. "When you speak a foreign language and have taken the time to live abroad, I think it says something important about the nature of your personality," Prime said. "It says you're open to change and learning and that you can deal with a variety of different people." Studying abroad prompted 23-year-old Moriah Scruggs, another recent UNC-CH graduate, to rethink the career she'd chosen. Scruggs spent her junior year in Germany with intentions of returning home to teach the language. She changed majors instead. "While I was sitting in all those classes, I realized German was something I was interested in but not enough to teach it every single day," she said. "Would I have figured that out if I had never gone to Germany? Maybe, maybe

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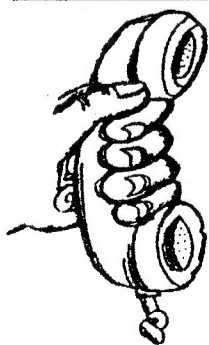
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A few announcements have been made regarding graduate students:

- The Office of Graduate Studies will now be open until 6:30 p.m. on Mondays until April 27. This adjustment excludes the 1998 spring break.
 - Graduate students who are planning to graduate May 9, 1998, must apply for their degree in the Registrar's office by March 13, 1998.
- All Graduate students are encouraged to call the Office of Graduate Studies (554-2341) to ensure all materials necessary for graduation are on file, and ask any additional questions.

Student Group Prefers To Be Called Queer

By Robin Huiras
Daily Minnesota
University of Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—A University of Minnesota student group recently voted to change its name to the Queer Student Cultural Center. Formerly known as the Association of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Students and Their Friends, the group decided to change the title it's held since 1991. Ana Clerc, the group's co-chairwoman said the reason for the change is to advertise the group as a cultural organization, whereas the previous title indicated the association was more of a support group. "We are just as valid a culture as ethnic or religious groups," Clerc said. She added that the name change is symbolic of movement toward a stronger position and presence in the student community. She said the new title is more inclusive of people who might not fall into a specific category of sexual orientation. "We want to strengthen the community by reclaiming the word 'queer' and make it all encompassing," said Paul

Halacy, the GLBT representative for the Minnesota Student Association. Clerc said that using the word 'queer' in the title of the organization would alleviate some of the negative connotations associated with the word. However, MSA representative Brandon Lacy pointed out that some people might be uncomfortable with the use of the word "queer." "Queer is a political term," he said. "People don't want to be forced to be political when first coming out of the closet." But Aimee McIntyre, University Bisexual and Transgender Community Coordinator said she thinks "queer" is appropriate. "'Queer' has a lot of potential. When used correctly it can change perceptions," McIntyre said. "The purpose is to connect people with similarities," Clerc agreed. "The word 'queer' is an umbrella term that includes rather than categorizes," she said. "It better reflects what all of our group members are."

"We want to strengthen the community by reclaiming the word 'queer' and make it all encompassing," said Paul Halacy, the GLBT representative for the Minnesota Student Association.

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children in U.S. history. In total, an estimated 500 people were present.

Tom Gouttierre, International Studies and Program dean, said, "I was very pleased that UNO was chosen to host this event. This has enabled UNO to bring positive attention with an international focus to the community."

Karen Cagley, student advisor for international studies, was contacted by a representative from the immigration department for her assistance. She then met with members of the immigration department and aided in organizing the event.

"They were looking for a facility large

enough to host this event," Cagley said. "I thought that UNO would be an excellent place. I am glad to see this turned out to have such a successful event."

Cagley worked in conjunction with representatives from UNO's staff.

"All of the workers involved on this project from UNO were great and extremely cooperative. I was quite pleased"

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Gateway Opinion

Where Have all the Heroes Gone

opinion by Tim Mills

Here's a word you might remember from grade school. Hero.

It's rooted in days long gone. For me, its heyday was in the early eighties. That was when I learned about people like George Washington, Christopher Columbus, Mother Theresa, Gandhi, Martin Luther King and all the other folks who dedicated their lives to make the world a little bit better place to live.

As time went on, something happened. Suddenly, no one was talking about these people anymore. I found out tidbits like Washington was a tyrant, Columbus was instrumental in the slave trade and even Santa Claus was a fake. To make things worse, the majority of people didn't pay much attention to those who's spirits remained true and who's acts really made a difference.

That was all right. I still had the movies and television to provide me with a new crop of heroes, people who's virtuosity we should aspire to achieve and accomplishments we should strive to equal.

Luke Skywalker was flying around space saving our universe from the forces of evil. The next thing I knew he was making headlines for using his light saber for a lot more than battling the dark side. Many of Hollywood's brightest stars had developed serious sinus problems and Pee Wee Herman... well, we all know that story.

Okay, I can deal with that. There's still sports, right? When all was said and done, baseball's legendary Mickey Mantle wasn't much more than a homerun-hitting distillery. There is no magic that will save "Magic Johnson" (although, his strength in dealing with his disease is admirable, who aspires to be an aging basketball star with AIDS.) And, I guess if your a football player who's into cocaine and prostitutes, it might be beneficial to have a coach in Dallas who carries a gun.

So, politics, movies and sports all look pretty bleak. How about the music business? Not much luck there, either. Most of them are snacking on shotgun barrels, dining on a mix of cocaine, heroin and whiskey and well, frankly just aren't hero material (Marilyn Manson?)

Many of the people who are supposed to be pillars of strength and icons of respectability are a bunch of disappointing fakes, myths

and legends with closets full of skeletons. (I won't get into any of the recent discoveries about the man we elected to lead our nation. He's getting into plenty on his own.)

But really, who needs heroes anyway? We're doing just fine without them, thank-you very much. Divorce rates are through the roof. Pharmaceutical companies are selling record-numbers of anti-depressants. Bill Gates is slowly taking over the world. Our favorite television shows feature people being chased, beaten and arrested, cheesy neo-yuppies backstabbing their friends and a group of animated kids discussing anal probes and CrackWhore magazine. One of the poor bastards even dies in every episode.

I suppose you could say I'm being awfully pessimistic. Look at people like Princess Diana and the difference her crusade has made in reducing the number of people having their limbs conveniently removed by landmines. Or, Christopher Reeve's amazing courage proving that he truly is Superman. Colin Powell's extraordinary leadership even provides a few rays of hope in Washington.

I know there are a lot of great people out there doing plenty of wonderful things for the greater good. They're risking their lives, giving up huge amounts of time, energy and money to make our world just. But the concept of heroes is gone. Do you ever hear anyone talking about who their heroes are? It used to be a common question. It told you something about the person you were talking to. It gave you a bit of insight into their values and beliefs, their goals and aspirations.

Today, most people would be hard pressed to come up with an answer. We've been fooled too many times. On one hand, it's a shame. On the other, it's liberating. Maybe, it gives us a chance to become heroes ourselves. We're no longer pressured to live up to someone else's deeds. We can accomplish our own goals, spread our own goodness to others. We don't have to save the world. We can feel good about just making a difference in our own little corner of the globe. Things like opening a door for a stranger, giving a friend a ride, saying, "please" and "thank you" will have meaning again.

Maybe if we all remembered a few of the simpler acts of heroism, we won't need any of the heroes we don't have anyway.



Thoughts of a 19-Year-Old Little Girl

opinion by Wendy Townley

Seated in the office of the mighty, mighty *Gateway*, I am in a contemplative place. With my fingers poised over the keys, I am struggling for a topic to comment on. With this Celtic CD playing, I have arrived at a sedate state and a one of reflection.

As I begin my second semester of college, I have come to some very succinct realizations. I feel that I have experienced quite a bit in these past months, and as a member of the *Gateway* staff, I get to share them all with you.

Now, don't you feel lucky?

Upon my arrival on this campus, I have met a variety of people. These people, who initially were merely passers-by, are now some of my dearest friends. I understand now the importance of solid friendships, and how easily those relationships can be tainted.

It seems that the years I spent in high school (as a Gross High Cougar, I might add), were a dress rehearsal for the present.

My friendships in high school prepared me for where I am now. I have learned through these people the definition of a friend.

As I sit here chuckling to myself, I must not forget the numerous crushes I have developed on many boys at this university.

Arriving at this university from a past void of any type of relationship that exceeded the platonic level, I was overwhelmed with not only the boys on this campus, but more importantly, those who I dealt with on a daily basis.

Each boy that I encountered daily, I viewed as "boyfriend material." I anticipated (and still do for that matter) the possibility of seeing these boys. I admit that I overreacted to their kindness, and probably misinterpreted their friendship for something more.

Yes, I am still single. I do not, for one moment, regret the relationships that have developed with these crush objects. Someone recently told me that I shouldn't take my crushes lightly. And looking back, that person is correct.

While gawking at boys does entail quite a bit of my time, I also have kept myself busy with various campus activities. While participating in these activities, I have also learned lessons about life.

Jimmy Creech. Of course, these two words will conjure up your own opinions of me, and that is perfectly acceptable. I accept the fact that some errors were made on my part. However, through all of the letters, the phone calls, the death threats (OK, so maybe there weren't any death threats), I feel that whole incident made me a stronger person and a better writer. I was knocked down a few pegs and understood the passion of writing that I possess.

Yet another conclusion I have reached is one that I'm sure nearly all of you are familiar with. Drinking. I do not drink, have never been drunk, nor do I have the desire. In high school (yet another amazing parallel to Gross High), I was looked at awkwardly when people discovered that I did not drink.

Yes, sobriety is my drug.

While I can not say that I ever experienced peer pressure to drink, I was asked why I didn't. "I guess if I wanted to, I would," I told my classmates.

While I can not say that I ever experienced peer pressure to drink, I was asked why I didn't. "I guess if I wanted to, I would," I told my classmates. "But, quite honestly, I just don't want to." I received an intellectual "whatever" in response.

Since becoming a college student, this popular question has again arisen. However, when I deliver my answer, I receive a totally different response. I am now told that it's a good thing. People are impressed by my decision. And that is the greatest reward.

So, with that said, I hope that I have successfully revealed myself to each of you. I know that I have a lot to learn about life, and so much more is yet to come.

While my experiences thus far qualify me as an adult, I still, at times, feel and act like a little girl. I am 19 years old and ready to take on the rest of the world.

So, with that, bring it on. I am ready.

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Letters to the Editor

To the editor,

I need to respond to Dan Wetherell's thought-provoking and sensitive editorial about the death penalty. Dan quotes Dr. Laura's explanation that the Hebrew Scriptures really say, "Thou shalt not murder," not "Thou shalt not kill." Her simple explanation clarified the issue for Dan and he can now fully support the death penalty without feeling there are any religious contradictions.

As a Jew, I need to express that there are many religious reasons not to support the death penalty and Dr. Laura's word is not final on this. The great rabbis of the Jewish tradition (I'm talking about the ones who shaped Jewish law centuries ago) interpreted the sections of the scriptures which seem to advocate the death penalty in such a way so that it was impossible to impose it. These rabbis were much more learned and had (and continue to have) much more religious authority than does Dr. Laura. Her explanation was simplistic and superficial.

There are many people of all faiths who are opposed to the death penalty because they believe it is not another human's right

to take someone else's life no matter what. There are also many non-religious people who oppose it because of the unfair manner in which it is

handed out (more blacks than whites receive it, no rich murders ever get it, people who kill whites receive it more than people who kill blacks, etc.). There is even a Christian based group called Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation who have had family members murdered and are working actively against the

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death penalty. Read "Dead Man Walking" by Sr. Helen Prejean for a deeply-committed Catholic viewpoint opposing the death penalty.

I'm gratified that there are serious issues being discussed on the editorial page, but I urge you not to rely solely on popular commercial personalities for answers to profound questions and to not be too hasty in dismissing a religious reason for opposing the death penalty.

Hollis Glaser
Faculty, Department of Communication

Dear Gateway,

In his January 20 column, Dan Wetherell—as a self-professed Christian conservative—scuttles back to the bloody "Buybull" in an attempt to draw a distinction between state-sanctioned killing and murder. I hasten to assure him that a corpse knows not the difference.

Mr. Wetherell's position is that the 6th commandment prohibition is only against the "unlawful" taking of life. When the Mighty State slaughters one of its own citizens it is "lawful" and so

does not break any of the Christian gawd's rules. Mr. Wetherell seems happy to now"....support it (the death penalty) with no mental reservations." He doesn't see how anyone could be against it "...for other than religious reasons."

Well Dan, as a proud and happy Atheist, I oppose the death penalty for ethical and practical reasons. I challenge the assumption that the State has a right to murder its own — no matter what their crime. You seem to believe that the answer to violence is more violence. This is a dubious proposition given the conditions now in our society.

I oppose state-sanctioned murder because it is inequitably applied to poor and

minority criminals, deters capital crimes no better than the threat of long term imprisonment, sometimes kills innocent people, is not cheaper than life imprisonment, and is cruel and unusual punishment as prohibited by the Constitution.

It is a mistake to rely on the "Buybull" as a font of moral values. If we are to follow this disgusting tome's recommendations then we'd have to kill rebellious children, "blasphemers", men who refuse

to impregnate their widowed sister-in-law, non-virgin brides, adulterers, gay, ad nauseum.

As the "Great Infidel," Robert Ingersoll said: "This book, the Bible, has persecuted, even to death, the wisest and the best. This book taught men to kill their fellows for religion's sake. ...I attack this book because it is the enemy of human liberty—the greatest obstruction across the highway of human progress..."

Research the facts surrounding the death penalty, Dan. Don't just creep to the "Buybull" for justification. You may not then, so freely support this hideous remnant of the Dark Ages.

Sincerely, Ron A. Larsen

Move To Drop Entrance Tests Could Hurt Minorities, Report Says

By Sarah Lubman
Knight-Ridder/Tribune News Service

SAN JOSE — If the University of California dropped standardized entrance tests to help minority students, as some people have demanded, the results could backfire and wind up hurting African-American students. That's the conclusion reached in a new report by the university. The report came in response to a recommendation to drop the Scholastic Assessment Test so that more Hispanic students, who statistics indicate tend to score low on the SAT or skip it altogether, can get in. Without the SAT, the pool of high school seniors eligible for admission to UC would grow well beyond the number of California students the nine-campus university system is required to take. But if UC tried to compensate by requiring higher grades, fewer African-American students would be eligible than they are now, the report said. UC's calculations highlight the difficulty of providing equal access to the state's top higher-education system, particularly now that race and ethnicity are no longer considered in admissions. To be eligible for admission to UC, students must take the math and verbal SAT (SAT I), or the alternative American College Test, plus three SAT II subject exams. These students also must have a grade-point average of at least 3.3 in a series of college-prep courses. The universities then choose from this pool based on a combination of their grades and SAT scores. Historically, the pool has been about 12.5 percent of the state's public high school seniors each year. Eliminating the SAT requirement would indeed increase the pool of students from which the universities could

choose. But dropping the SAT wouldn't level the playing field, said Judy Kowarsky, UC's assistant director of undergraduate admissions and the author of the study, partly because anything that helps minority students get into the university may also help more academically successful students of all races. "When you adjust eligibility to accommodate more students from low-eligibility backgrounds, then the eligibility for other groups also ad-

can meet UC's entry requirements in three ways. All three options involve the standardized tests used by most selective colleges around the nation. UC has been requiring the SAT as part of its admissions process since 1976. The tests have frequently come under attack by advocates for women and underrepresented minorities, who on average don't perform as well on the SAT as Asians and whites. Those attacks have intensified in

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Judy Kowarsky, University of California
Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admissions

justs upwards," Kowarsky said. Eugene Garcia, a key opponent of the SAT, said he hadn't seen the report but didn't care whether dropping the test would make many more students eligible for UC — almost 19 percent, well above the 12.5 percent guideline set by the state's Master Plan for Higher Education in 1960. "That's not my problem," said Garcia, dean of UC-Berkeley's graduate school of education and a member of the university's Latino Eligibility Task Force, which suggested scrapping the SAT. "The issue is, who gets left out if you make everyone take a high-stakes test?" Currently, high school graduates

the wake of the dismantling of affirmative action in public higher education in California and Texas. UC regents voted in 1995 to stop considering race and ethnicity in admissions, hiring and contracting, a move that spread statewide when voters passed Proposition 209 in 1996. Since UC doesn't plan to stray from California's widely emulated blueprint for higher education, Kowarsky also examined what would happen if UC dropped the tests but toughened the other key requirement — grades — to adhere to its top 12.5 percent rule. The results seem to come straight out of Pandora's box: UC would have to raise its

minimum GPA to 3.65, up from the current 3.3 requirement. But that would mean fewer African-American students would be eligible than they are now, while the Latino eligibility rate would creep up only slightly, according to the report. Currently, 2.8 percent of all black public high school graduates qualify for admission to UC; if higher grades were required, the rate would slip to 2.3 percent. The Latino eligibility rate would increase from 3.8 percent to 4.0 percent. "When you make the cutoff at 3.65, you don't have that preponderance of Latino or African-American students that you might have of white and Asian students," Kowarsky said. She stressed that her report wasn't a policy recommendation, but was compiled at the request of the faculty committee that sets UC's basic admissions requirements. Keith Widaman, head of the committee, said the group favors keeping the SAT. Another scenario, dropping the required SAT II exams while retaining the SAT or ACT, would boost the black and Latino eligibility rate, but would also push up the rates for other ethnic groups, the report said. Under that scheme, more than 40 percent of Asians would qualify for admission to UC, up from the current 30 percent. Garcia said he would like to see UC depart from past practice by dropping the SAT and making many more students eligible. "My concern is that you have a very high threshold many kids can't jump over to be eligible, and then you have who knows what's happening in admissions," he said.

Choosing a Car Mechanic: What to Weigh?

by Eileen Kenney

Change a tire, change the oil. The engine is making a funny noise, or it won't turn over and makes no noise at all. Who ya gonna call?

The dealership is close to home. It's new, it's clean and it's where the car was purchased. But aren't they more expensive?

The independent garage is close to work, but it looks as if it's been there forever. With greased-stained coveralls and work-worn hands, the mechanics could be from central casting. Who ya gonna call?

"You've got to look at the overall package," said George Roseland, founder of Arbor Garage, 2565 Leavenworth St. Roseland has been in the garage business since 1953 and spoke of opening his business 44 years ago, and what keeps it going today. Kevin Nichols, who has worked for Roseland since 1980 and who bought the business two years ago, joined him in the discussion.

"If you go to the dealership with problems that don't require you go there, the cost will be astronomical. If we get a car in here with a problem that requires the dealership's specialization, Kevin will send them there, but price is the reason they come here," Roseland said.

Paul Passauer, service manager of Schrier Ford/Mazda, 9203 S. 145th St., could not pinpoint the single reason for

choosing dealership over an independent shop, but said stability and reputation, rather than price, are what bring his customers back.

"Obviously, Ford is a pretty stable car line," Passauer said. "And I think there's a lot of followers just because of product loyalty. And a lot of people still have the belief that if you buy here, you have to come here for warranty work."

"One of the things we focus on," Passauer said, "is that

"Communication is important,"
Roseland said. "You work for people
and they like you or they don't."

the warranty period is actually an opportunity for us to develop a customer. If we can't fix it for free when a car is under warranty, obviously they're not going to come back later to spend money."

"You have to go out and buy market share," Roseland said. "It is something we learned from the Japanese when they first started exporting their cars over here. They sold them cheap and got everybody buying them. Ten years later, they're charging the same rate as this country."

"Jiffy Lube used that same philosophy," he continued. "Changing oil for less than we could and still making a profit. It just wasn't worth it (for us) to try and compete with that pricing. But now the price is getting up there where they're making a good profit, and we can do it for that (same price)."

Roseland stressed that people want to know up front how much repairs are going to cost. "Trust comes later," he said.

If it's the price that brings them in the first time, it could be something else that brings them back. "Communication is

important," Roseland said. "You work for people and they like you or they don't."

Nichols nodded in agreement, adding, "Our customers know us and they trust us. A lot of trust from consumers is gone, whether it be at the grocery store or anywhere else."

Back at the dealership, Passauer spoke of independent garages as having almost lived out their usefulness. "I think there's a lot of good independent facilities," said Passauer. "I don't knock them at all. But they're in a real tough position now. The analysts, people who are supposed to know, say the car industry is changing so rapidly, in the near future there may not be independent shops that can do anything except brakes and exhaust and that type of thing."

"Technology is advancing pretty rapidly. Even for us it's somewhat difficult to keep up," he said. While he did not consider price of service most important in luring customers, he did think money influenced consumers in another way when they made the choice of where to take their cars.

"If we do something wrong, and people do make mistakes, we have the ability to stand our mistake and take care of it. A small shop might know full well they made a mistake and should take care of it, but they can't financially," he said.

When asked where their customer base is located, both Roseland and Passauer cited a similar pool, the west Omaha area.

"Two percent of our business comes from the immediate neighborhood," said Roseland, "while 60 percent is from 114th Street on west. Some work downtown and see us on their way in. Others come downtown just to see us."

Schrier Ford/Mazda is located off Interstate 80 at Highway 50, a convenient location unless both streets are under construction, which they currently (are)," said Passauer.

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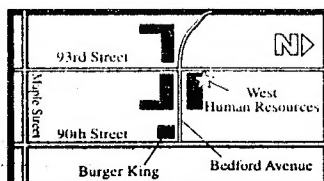
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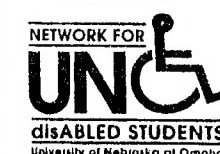
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Kult Going For the Gold in Nagano

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"They've helped us out in the past," said Kult. "We made a little piece for (disabled) people in kayaks." Together, they designed a Styrofoam piece for kayaks that fits between a person's legs to help in maneuvering. It is now being used at a resort in Vermont that specializes in activities for people with disabilities.

Kult said the team effort benefits not only the disabled, but the students involved, as well.

"It gives them hands-on experience," Kult said. "They get to see something that really is going to benefit someone, and that's kind of nice."

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) is also helping out. MIT students are working on a better, more durable bucket that's also form-fitting.

Getting to the Paralympics is not easy. Kult, who has played with a sled hockey team out of Minnesota since 1993, tried out for the U.S. Paralympic Team in September. Up against 100 other athletes, he practiced nine "grueling" hours a day for the week-long tryout in Green Bay, Wis.

Since earning a spot on the team, Kult and his fellow players have traveled every other weekend all over the U.S. They have beaten almost every team they've played, but winning comes with work, according to Kult.

Each team's practice lasts from two to three hours, including 45 minutes of cardiovascular exercises, 45 minutes of drills and 45 minute scrimmages.

"We have come along way," Kult said. "We're a lot better than we were in April."

Last month, the team was in Nagano, Japan for two weeks for a pre-Paralympics tournament. They didn't get to do a whole lot while they were there, Kult said. They practiced and played the whole time.

"We were fortunate to have won, but we did suffer three injuries, two broken legs and a (broken) ankle." The broken ankle was Kult's.

"That's part of the game," Kult said, whose ankle will be "repaired" after the Paralympics. Despite the team's injuries, "all the players will be playing at the Paralympics."

There were a few moments of relaxation, however. The team did visit a Buddhist temple, and got a "taste" of the Japanese culture. Kult said the sushi wasn't bad, but a meeting with one of the Paralympics committee directors really illustrated some cultural differences.

"He (the director) was admiring a cheap hockey pin of mine that was on my jacket," Kult said. "Not thinking anything about it, I gave it to him. Not wanting to lose face, he gave me this gorgeous tie pin."

Team practices are also much different in Japan. School-age children are let out of school to watch the hockey practices during lunch. The children will offer their juice and desserts in return for gifts. "I lost five hats while there," said Kult.

The Paralympics Games dates back to just after World War II, when Dr. Ludwig Guttman introduced sports as a rehabilitation for spinal cord injuries. The first winter games were held in Ornskoldsvik, Sweden in 1976. Soon after, the games were held in the same year as the Olympics. In 1992, they started being held in the same location as well.

In the last winter Paralympic games, held in Lillehammer, Germany, over 1000 athletes and officials participated in five different sports. The 1998 Nagano games will be the first Paralympics held outside Europe.

Kult will be in Nagano from Feb. 28 to March 16. The U.S. team plays March 5, 10 and 12. Semifinals and finals in sled hockey will be held March 13 through March 14. Kult hopes the team will be able to go sightseeing on their days off.

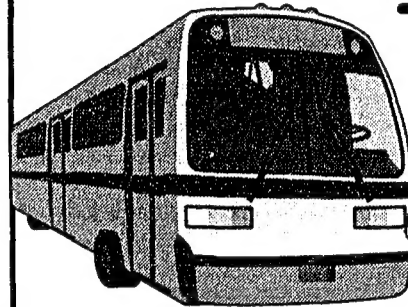
Kult is appreciative of all the support he's received so far. "The university has been incredibly supportive of every thing I have done," Kult said. "I just wish there was some way to thank them."

Mike Kult (right) is going to the Olympics in Nagano, Japan with the help of the UNO engineering department.



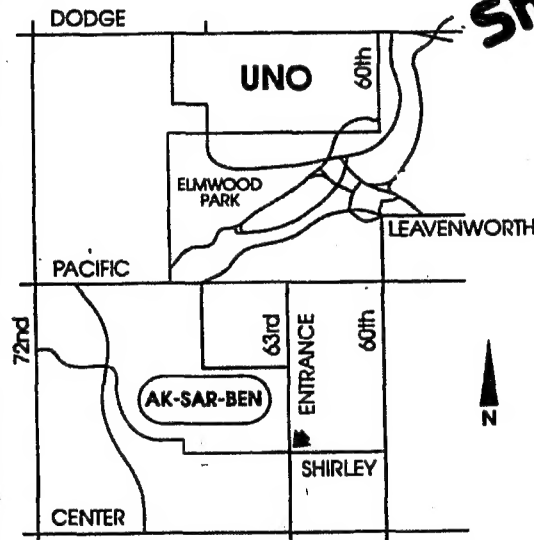
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College Paper Wins Access To Campus Crime Statistics

By Christine Tatum and Mike Gruss
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While her classmates were focusing on final exams recently, Miami University student newspaper editor Melissa Baker was preparing to study their disciplinary records. Without comment, the U.S. Supreme Court on Dec. 8 let stand a ruling from the Ohio Supreme Court that forces the university to release disciplinary records — with students' names and addresses attached — to The Miami Student. The case is an example of how growing interest in campus safety and protests by campus newspapers are chipping away at the notion that sexual assaults, hazings and other violent acts should be dealt with quietly by student judiciary panels or by university administrators. Critics of such closed-door policies said that the reporting of campus crime has been hindered by privacy rules that allow administrators to withhold information about such incidents. At the heart of the debate is the Family Educational Rights to Privacy Act, also known as FERPA or the Buckley Amendment. Under FERPA, colleges are

prohibited from disclosing "personally identifiable information derived from education records" without a student's consent. In the Miami case, student journalists said they wanted access to disciplinary records to track crime on campus and have fought since 1995 to get

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it. Miami administrators argued that records of student disciplinary hearings were "education records" as defined by FERPA. In July, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that most records of campus disciplinary hearings are subject to disclosure under the state's open records law and ordered Miami to release the documents. However, the Department of Education told Miami University officials in September that they may be violating federal law if they com-

plied with the ruling and released the records. Miami University officials, feeling "caught between a rock and a hard place," refused to release the information until they received direction from the courts, said Richard Little, senior director of communications. "Ohio state law said the information should be released, but federal law dictated that it shouldn't be," said Little. "The university has never taken a position on the matter. It simply wanted greater clarity." After the Supreme Court let stand the lower court ruling, Miami officials said in

December they would begin releasing the disciplinary records to the student newspaper. The state court's decision opens the disciplinary records of all Ohio universities and colleges to public review. Nationwide, the Supreme Court's refusal to hear the case hasn't settled the debate because courts in two other states have issued contradictory opinions. In 1993, the Georgia Supreme Court ruled that student dis-

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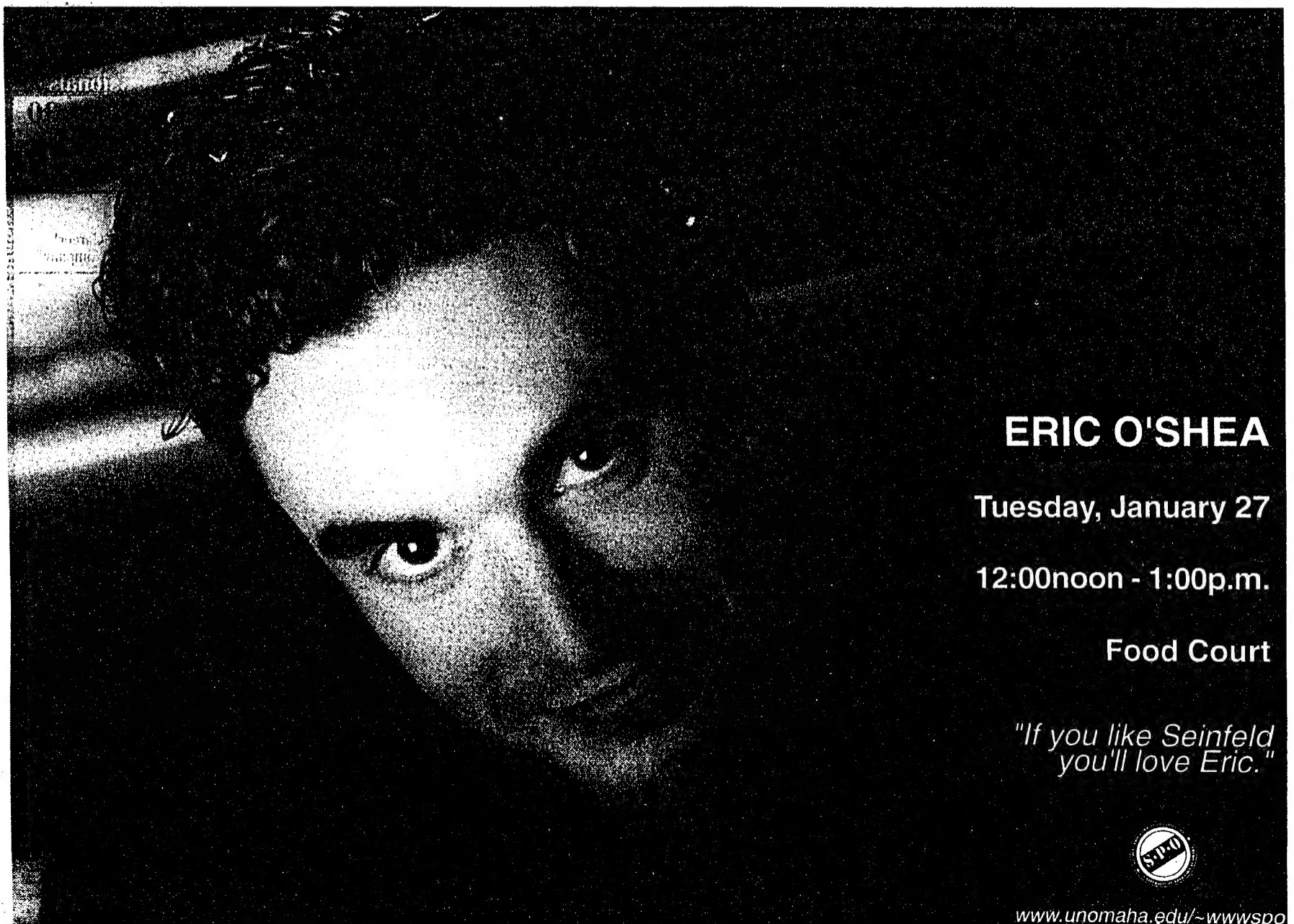
Virginia Professors Protest State Law Banning State Employees From Accessing Computer Sex Sites

By Frank James
Chicago Tribune
Knight-Ridder/Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — Bernard Levin enjoys talking about sex. Indeed, it's difficult to be a psychology professor and not find yourself often discussing, albeit clinically, the role of sex in human behavior. Levin feels he can openly discuss the psychological aspects of sex in his classroom, or anywhere else on campus for that matter, with one big exception. As a professor at Blue Ridge Community College in Virginia's rustic Shenandoah Valley, Levin is skittish about sending or getting e-mail about sexual topics on his office computer. His reluctance results from a Virginia law that bans state employees from using government computers to access sexually explicit material. For Levin, the law raises practical problems. "If a student does a research paper on a topic that is descriptive of body parts (and delivers it by e-mail), if I read it, I'm violating the statute," Levin says. "If I know ahead of time, I can tell the student to take that same paper and print it out. Then it's OK for me to read it, which is just absurd." Levin has never been disciplined for any violations of the law; rather, he feels the law is an infringement on his personal rights, and there appear to have been no legal prosecutions

under the law. Levin, with five other professors in Virginia and the American Civil Liberties Union, has sued the state in federal district court, contending the law is an unconstitutional violation of his 1st Amendment rights. The Virginia statute is representative of a movement across all levels of government that aims, as a matter of public policy, to crack down on the viewing of sexual content on the Internet. These efforts, which range from the state workplace to local libraries, frequently pit those citing First Amendment rights against those who believe Internet access should be restricted because of the sexually explicit material readily available there. Tuesday, two employees of the Connecticut legislature were suspended after they allegedly downloaded pornographic photos from the Internet onto state-owned computers. It was the first time state workers had been caught doing so, a Connecticut official said. Congress last year passed the Communications Decency Act which made it illegal to distribute via the Internet "indecent" material to which children could gain access. The Supreme Court struck down that law earlier this year. Courts have knocked out similar state laws

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New Bill To Require Colleges To Track Hate Crimes

By Charles Dervarics CPS

WASHINGTON—Colleges and universities will need to increase their oversight and reporting of hate crimes, if a new bill in Congress passes approval. The legislation proposed by Sen. Robert Torricelli (D-N.J.) would require colleges to collect and publish more data on hate crimes, including those related to simple assault, harassment and vandalism. The bill is expected to receive a detailed review in January. Current law under the Campus Security Act requires only that colleges report hate crimes that result in serious felonies such as murder, rape or aggravated assault. "It was useful to provide the reporting of hate crimes in these three [felony] categories, but it does not provide students or parents with the overwhelming information of what actually constitutes hate crime in America," Torricelli said. Giving students and parents added information will help them make educated decisions about college, which, in turn, "will make the deans, law enforcement officials, boards of trustees and alumni take these problems seriously," Torricelli added. Felonies account for only about 16 percent of hate crimes nationwide, he said, which means few—if any—make it onto annual campus security reports. For example, no college has reported a hate crime that resulted in murder, and only a few have classified a rape or assault as a hate crime, the senator said. Several high-profile incidents prompted the development of the bill, Torricelli said, including the electronic-mail death threats that 60 Asian-American students received last year at the University of California-Irvine. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith also identified at least 90 anti-Semitic incidents on college campuses in 1996, he added. Another section of the senator's bill would expand the definition of a hate crime to include acts against women and the disabled. Torricelli unveiled his Campus Hate Crimes Right to Know Act of 1997 as President Clinton hosted a recent White House conference on hate crimes. The president did not comment on the bill but pledged to do more to combat hate-related incidents. Senate staff said Torricelli's proposal should

not pose any major new burden on colleges, though campus-safety experts said it could present challenges for small institutions. For example, all colleges and universities first would have to collect data on simple assault, harassment and vandalism and then identify any acts that also represent hate crimes. In most cases, "I don't think [the bill] would be overly burdensome," said Douglas Tuttle, former president of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Admin-

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istrators. It could mean more paperwork and recordkeeping, however, for colleges with a small staff and for those that rely on security guards rather than sworn police departments, he said. All colleges and universities should have a system to collect information on hate crimes, Tuttle said. In many cases, that requires the cooperation and involvement of housing and maintenance staff, who usually are the first to learn about acts of vandalism or offensive graffiti. "You also need a protocol to document an act and report it," he said. Torricelli's bill will come up for consideration in 1998 when Congress examines campus-safety rules as part of the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA). Also on the agenda next year is a bill that would require colleges to maintain campus-crime logs open for public view. This legislation, the Accuracy in Campus Crime Reporting Act, also would require campuses to add simple assault, vandalism, manslaughter, larceny and arson to the list of crimes on which they collect information. The House is planning to present an HEA reauthorization bill in January or February.

Americans Studying Abroad In Record Numbers

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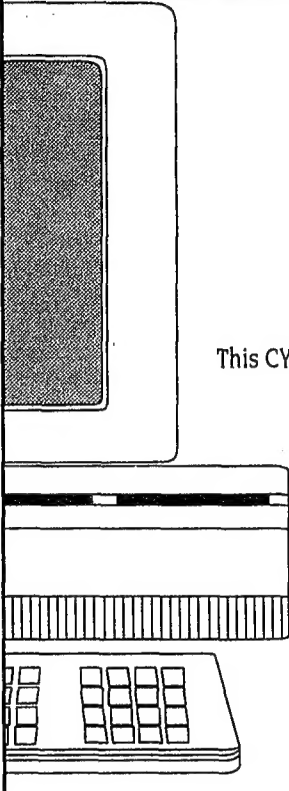
will travel to foreign lands, said NYU President Jay Oliva. And thanks to a recent donation, Oliva said business school students will be required to study abroad for one semester before they graduate. "These trips shouldn't be some sideline cultural event that compromises your professional goals or postpones them," he said. "They should be an opportunity for you to develop your interests somewhere else. If you're interested in finance, it doesn't make sense for you to go over and study French literature. There are ways to make sure you remain connected to your field." Deciding where to study is perhaps the hardest part of the trip, many students say. Depending on the university, there are as many as 87 foreign destinations from which to choose. While Britain still attracts the most students—more than 20,000 visited in 1995—

96—countries outside of Western Europe are becoming increasingly popular. The number of students going to Latin America increased by 18 percent to 13,726; to Africa by 10 percent to 2,027; and to Asia by 5 percent to 5,699. Cuba, Hong Kong and South Africa were among countries reporting the highest percentage gains. Of students' top 25 destinations, Ireland reported the biggest jump in American students with nearly 1,600 traveling there in 1995-96. "Students who get out and see the world will have a better understanding of how they fit into it," said Oliva, who traveled to France and Spain while in graduate school. "When you're somewhere else, every day is an experience—whether you're buying clothes, finding your baggage or eating in restaurants. "It's all experience you really can't afford to miss."

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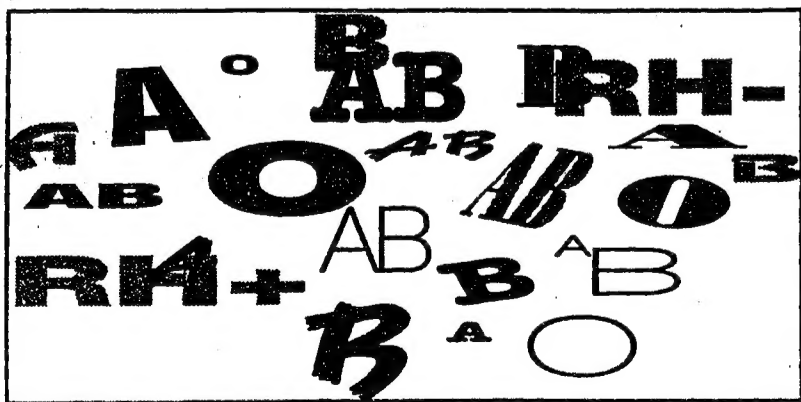
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College Paper Wins Battle

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disciplinary records are not exempt under FERPA. The following year, a district court in Louisiana decided they are. "So far, it's two states against one," Baker said. "I hope we see this continue because students aren't exempt from the law just because they're students. And if they break a [university] value code, they can be held accountable for that, too." Campus crime experts have said the disciplinary reports without names, addresses or other vital information are of little value because it's impossible to contact crime victims or the accused, and to weigh the fairness or effectiveness of the

judicial system. "That's exactly the reason so many student journalists are fighting for this information," said Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center. "They've come to realize that huge numbers of incidents are never reported to police but dealt with in secret in campus disciplinary hearings." Students now will be better informed about crime on campus, said Susan Wenner, managing editor of the Miami Student. "People will know what they're getting in to," said Wenner. "If 40 people broke into rooms last year, people know to lock their doors. If five people

were raped in one place, people know to walk with other people there." At the same time, disciplinary records could come back to haunt students later, Little said. Caught cheating or sneaking someone into the dorm after hours? Guilty of vandalism? Even if a violation doesn't surface in the student newspaper, such information is fair game for everyone, he said. "Anyone who wants to know more about you, whether it's a future employer or graduate school admissions [committee] can find out now," he said. "All they have to do is ask."

Virginia Professors Protest Internet Sex Site Ban

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in New York and Georgia. Oklahoma has a law on its books similar to Virginia's, but a University of Oklahoma professor lost a court challenge when a federal judge said he failed to show his First Amendment rights were violated. The judge noted the university had provided access to the salacious material to users so long as they had passwords. In Virginia, the controversial law passed both houses of the state legislature unanimously. Lawmakers wanted to make it clear they would in general not abide government workers spending taxpayer money to look at pornographic material during the work day and on state property. Robert Marshall, a member of Virginia's House of Delegates and the law's sponsor, couldn't be reached for comment. But he has said he was partly motivated by a desire to stem sexual harassment lawsuits. As he explained, such problems were more likely to occur in state workplaces where some workers felt free to summon up sexual material to their screens. To accommodate the legitimate uses of information or images of a sexual nature, the law has an exception. State employees needing to gain access to sexual material to do their jobs could do so, so long as they got specific case-by-case permission from agency heads. "It should be no burden to say, 'Well, I've just got to fill this paper out to indicate I'm doing this for a legitimate purpose,'" Marshall has said. "If I were a professor who was researching pornography, I'd want this protection rather than (having)

somebody coming back to me, saying, 'Hey, you're doing this for sexual harassment purposes.'" The six professors suing Virginia view having to request prior approval as a violation of academic freedom and First Amendment rights. Since the approvals would be publicly available, they say some college presidents might be reluctant to sign off for fear of a public backlash. Furthermore, "sexually explicit is a very broad concept," said Marjorie Heins, an ACLU national staff attorney. Virginia's law would also cover a broad range of literature, including poetry classics like Allen Ginsberg's "Howl" and Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass." Also adversely affected are public-health researchers studying sexually transmitted diseases and social workers researching sexual abuse, said Heins. "It's not just about pornography," she said. Paul Smith, a professor of English and cultural studies at George Mason University in northern Virginia just outside Washington, saw items on his Website censored because of the law. They were spicy photos he hoped would serve as springboards for essays on pornography and its relation to economics, politics and social trends. Opining on his university Website, Smith said Marshall, the state law's sponsor, paid "all the attention to individual rights and legal niceties that you'd expect from one of those totally asinine conservative moralizers whom the people of Virginia mysteriously see fit to have represent them."

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Rowdy Floor Slapped With Community Service

By Christine Tatum CPS

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.—Imagine coming back to school after being away for a weekend to learn you've been slapped with 13 weeks of community service. That's what happened to several of the second-floor dorm dwellers at Indiana University's McNutt Delgado Hall, who discovered their rowdy roommates had gotten into trouble again — and everyone was going to pay. At first, the guys on the floor chalked up their disciplinary problems to a nit-picky resident assistant. Overturned trash barrels. Broken beer bottles. Shouting at all hours of the night. Hairy soap in the shower. The R.A. wrote 'em up for it all. Then there was that incident when someone decided it would be funny to download pornographic photos of women from the Internet and use them to make posters announcing an upcoming hall meeting. "That was a really stupid thing to do," said John Warieka, the floor's governor. Housing administrators said the same thing when they ordered the entire hall to complete 250 hours of community service. Because no one admitted making the posters, everyone on the hall — whether they were involved in the scheme or not — had to endure the punishment. "It's a tough rule we have here," said the residence hall coordinator Amy Cornell. "If no one steps forward, everyone has to assume responsibility." It's a rule that has come back to haunt the hall again. Because no one has fessed up to any of the trouble that broke out one recent Friday night, all 49 residents on the hall are divvying 1,300 hours of community service. For each resident, that boils down to about two hours of volunteer work a week for 13 weeks. "Even my next-door neighbor, who never comes out of his room, never complains, never does anything but study and mind his own business," Warieka said. "Even

guys who weren't home that weekend—and that was about 20 percent of us." It doesn't matter, Cornell said, especially given that the latest round of offenses jeopardized the safety of so many students. She's not talking about the can of Coke spilled under the R.A.'s door or the bathroom stall door someone ripped off its hinges. "Someone pulled a fire alarm out of the wall, and it rang for two hours in the middle of the night," Cornell said. "More than 650 students were kept awake the night before a big test while we had the alarm repaired." "We think the guys on the second floor know who did it, and they're talking amongst themselves about it," she continued. "There's no excuse for it." Some students may grumble about the work, but many are grateful for it. They know housing officials wanted them all kicked out of the dorm and moved elsewhere. The Resident Housing Authority, which oversees the campus residence halls, recommended the hall be disbanded entirely, Cornell said. But a board of appeals made up of university officials decided to give the hall a second chance. Residents can stay in McNutt Delgado — perhaps the most coveted housing assignment on campus because of its party-hearty reputation — as long as they complete the assigned work and there are no more false fire alarms. Some students, angry about having to endure sanctions for something they didn't do and afraid that more trouble is just around the bend, already have moved into other dorms, Cornell said. "We actually told them it was a chance for them to get into a more positive community," she said. Warieka said he knows the stakes are high. One more slip, he said, and they're all out. "We'll see how long we last," he said. "In the meantime, doing volunteer work for the community never hurt anybody." —

Hallmark Introduces Suicide Condolence Cards

College Press Service

CHICAGO - Hallmark has come up with a card offering condolences to people whose loved ones have committed suicide. Though suicide is the ninth leading cause of death in the United States, many people still don't know how to express their sorrow to those who are left behind. The new card comes at a time when card makers are trying to address a wider range of difficult situations, such as depression, job loss and substance abuse. Hallmark suicide card shows a small boat on misty waters and contains the verse, "When someone we love flees from life, it is so hard to understand. But our compassionate Creator sees clearly into what is beyond our understanding and already has welcomed your loved one home."

Virginia Tech Student Given Go Ahead For Lawsuit

College Press Service

CHICAGO - A federal appeals court has ruled that a former student at Virginia Tech can continue fighting a lawsuit against the university and two former football players who she claims raped her in 1994. The Fourth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals upheld the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, which lets victims of violent crimes sue in federal court. Christy Brzonkala has used the law as a basis for the civil suit she has filed against the university and former football players Antonio J. Morrison and James L. Crawford. The court also ruled that Brzonkala can sue Virginia Tech under a title of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits schools that accept public money from practicing sexual discrimination. The court found that a college's failure to address a "known sexually hostile environment" could qualify as sexual discrimination. Brzonkala claims that Morrison and Crawford raped her in a dormitory room and that she didn't file criminal charges against them because she relied on the university to prosecute the case. Judges noted in the majority opinion that Virginia Tech never reported Brzonkala's allegations to police. Their opinion also indicated skepticism that the university took "prompt and adequate remedial action" once it knew about the incident. Crawford, who said he did not have sex with Brzonkala, was never charged by the university. Morrison said he had consensual sex with her and received a two-semester suspension for sexual misconduct. His punishment was reduced after later appeals, and he was allowed to retain a football scholarship and play for the team in 1995.

WLW: \$1 Million for Clinton's Lover

(UPI) CINCINNATI

Cincinnati radio station WLW is offering \$1 million to the first person—with the exception of Hillary Clinton—who proves she has had "improper sexual relations" with President Clinton during his presidency. Program Director Marty Thompson told UPI today that the Jacor Communications station justifies the award because: "Based on what we've received on the talk shows, people are just tired of it. They're tired of the speculation and tired of the innuendo. We figured that if Kenneth Starr can't get to the bottom of this thing, the great American motivator is money." Thompson added, "It's time to get the facts and put this behind us."

This Joint Is Jumpin'

College Press Service

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - An article in the February issue of Vanity Fair describes Brown University as the hottest and hippest of the Ivy League schools, but many students and administrators aren't pleased. They're complaining that the story portrays students as young, rich and beautiful socialites with big names, not big test scores, to back them up. According to the article, Brown is "a magnet for the children of A-list New Yorkers, Hollywood stars, Wall Street tycoons and European jet-setters" and a haven for the latest "explosion of BMWs and Chanel jackets." Names such as

Duncan Sheik, John F. Kennedy Jr., Lisa Loeb and Amy Carter - never mind all the kids of royal descent - are among its list of alumni. Commencement ceremonies, the article states, seem like "old home week for aging 60s icons." Jane Fonda, Carly Simon, Calvin Klein, Ralph Lauren, Diana Ross, George Harrison, Ringo Starr and Marlon Brando have all sent kids to Brown. "(The story) does not portray the Brown I know," said University President E. Gordon Gee. "This is a serious place with serious students doing serious things."

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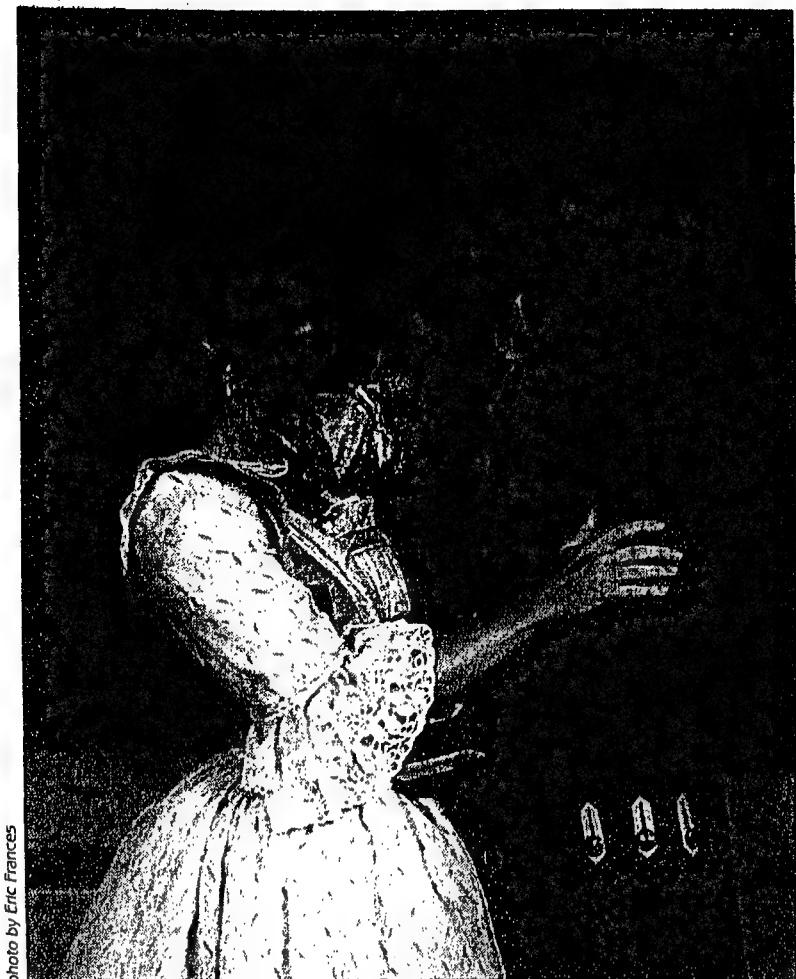


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Jason Loete (right) and Pamela Callahan star as Thomas and Martha Jefferson in the Omaha Community Playhouse's production of "1776."

"1776" Lacks Spice

review by Tamra Willett-Johnson
Author's opinions enclosed

John Adams being told to sit down and hush? Ben Franklin dancing a jig? Thomas Jefferson putting a major lip-lock on Mrs. Jefferson? "1776," which opened Friday at the Omaha Community Playhouse, shows history quite differently than did the dry lessons of high school.

Not a play, but not really a musical either, "1776" tells the tale of the events in Philadelphia that led up to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. While George Washington fights the British, the members of Congress fight about opening a window, which drives Adams crazy as he badgers the delegates to finally vote on breaking away from England.

Peter Stone and Sherman Edwards, the writers of the show, attempted a difficult task—to bring history to life—in a musical, no less. On one hand they succeeded. Instead of a viewing the founding fathers as some sort of demi-gods, we see the men struggle, argue, wilt in the heat and long for their wives. On the other hand, the show really isn't a piece of musical stage genius. It's a mildly entertaining way to pass an evening.

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The difficulty in creating a show about well-known events revolves around the lack of tension. The audience knows how it all turns out, so something must be put in to keep interest. The movie, "Titanic," is a good example. We know the big ship goes down and lives are lost. So fictional lovers were added for us to care for, which adds the needed audience anxiety.

"1776" lacks this element. While keeping true to the basic chain of events, the plot plods to the final climax, or rather the anti-climax. The only tension in the play is not of the good variety. When Jefferson is struggling to write the famed document, the actor is alone on

stage for what seems an eternity. I could've dried my hair from all the program fluttering that occurred.

Another way to create interest in an oft-told tale is to add spice via music and dance. Sadly, "1776" is also lacking in this area. The show is devoid of dancing—other than the occasional high kick and jig—and for a purported musical, there is more dialogue than songs. There isn't a show-stopping tune in the bunch. Some of the musical numbers are witty, but they seem to be an afterthought. They don't advance the plot, so they just sort of hang there.

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One touching tune occurs at the end of Act I. A courier from Washington's army sings of two friends who died and their mothers who searched for the fallen lads. "Monima Look Sharp," charmingly sung by Mark Chenovick, brings a necessary dose of the reality faced by the boys at the front to the cloistered and rather pampered existence of Congress. However, the song gets sung and that's it. We never hear from the courier again, and when the curtain rises for Act II, it's to Franklin cutely championing the turkey as the new nation's symbol.

OK, musical theater analysis complete, let's move on to the actors.

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Entertainment

"Hard Rain" Not An Action Movie

review by Joel Stevens.

Author's opinions enclosed

Throughout "Hard Rain," Morgan Freeman (career thief) screams, "I did it for the money," explaining why he stuck up an armored car guarded by Christian Slater. I can't help but think this is Freeman's inside joke and that the only reason he lowered himself to this formula of action/disaster movie level was for the money.

"Hard Rain" is a fair enough premise for an action movie, combining the trapped/isolation elements of the disaster movie with the sinister plotting of the action-adventure genre. With an armor security guard (Slater), an ambivalent, yet determined pseudo-bad guy (veteran leading actor, Freeman), a corrupt town sheriff (Randy Quaid) and the hero's love interest (Minnie Driver), all the players are established early on. That's the problem. There's nothing new

here. It's an all too predictable premise, exhibited by too many lame action moves, barely plausible plots and even more implausible characters in big budget features. "Hard Rain" was written by Graham Yost, a good action-film screenwriter who brought the world "Speed" and "Broken Arrow." He knows something about action movies and, unfortunately, about action movie clichés.

Slater is right at home here. His character is essentially a slacker, talked into his armored security job by his uncle and partner (Ed Asner). Slater and Asner travel up and down the un-named river gathering cash from small town banks for safekeeping during the flood. The armored car gets stranded in rising waters in a nearly abandoned town with a dam overflowing menacingly nearby, of course. Freeman and his crew of thugs swoop in, attempting to hold them up (the armored car carries \$3 million in cash). Asner is killed in the process. Slater escapes with the cash. Freeman and his crew give chase (in boats, on Jetskis and with lots of swimming). The town sheriff gets involved, the love interest

is put in peril, everybody cracks wise, hokey one liners and well, you get the idea. Oh, and it rains, constantly.

What passes for the twist here, besides the flood and rising water, is Freeman's character: a lifetime thief, looking for one last retirement score. But he's no pure thief. He's basically a good guy who does bad things. It's a flimsy characterization and does little more than let the audience know, fairly early, that Freeman will be forced to team up with Slater to battle a real bad guy and get away; not just with the money, but with his life.

Don't get me wrong, I like good action movies as much as anybody. I realize action movies are a tough racket. For every "Die Hard" and "Speed," there's a hundred "Hard Rains." But there's no excuse here. There is not one iota

of new "action" in the action of "Hard Rain." We've seen all these gun fights, car chases and bad-guy-gets-shot and snaps-up-to-scare-the-audience scenes a hundred times. They don't get more interesting by being less plausible and more predictable. You can't measure action movie plausibility in realism (I know this). You weigh it in the resemblance of realism, but there's no resemblance here. Hell, there's no semblance of realism here. In fact, the greatest compliment you can pay "Hard Rain" is at least it didn't go straight to video.

"Hard Rain" tries to sell itself as being more of an action movie than a disaster movie (it was originally titled "The Flood"). The problem is, it is a disaster movie in the worst sense. This movie is a disaster of miscasting, a poor, undeveloped and predictable script and cheesy special effects. What exactly Driver and Freeman (and even an underrated character actor like Quaid) were thinking when they signed onto this empty headed action movie, I'll never know. I can only assume they were paid well.

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Karen (Minnie Driver, left) is questioned by the sheriff (Randy Quaid) in the movie "Hard Rain."

"Titanic" Film Stays Afloat

review by Melanie Wilson
Author's opinions enclosed

"I have ten dollars in my pocket ... I have nothing to offer you, but I can't go away without knowing that you're going to be OK," Jack Dawson, played by rising star Leonardo DiCaprio, exclaims to Rose DeWitt Bukater, played by talented Kate Winslet. "You jump, I jump, right?"

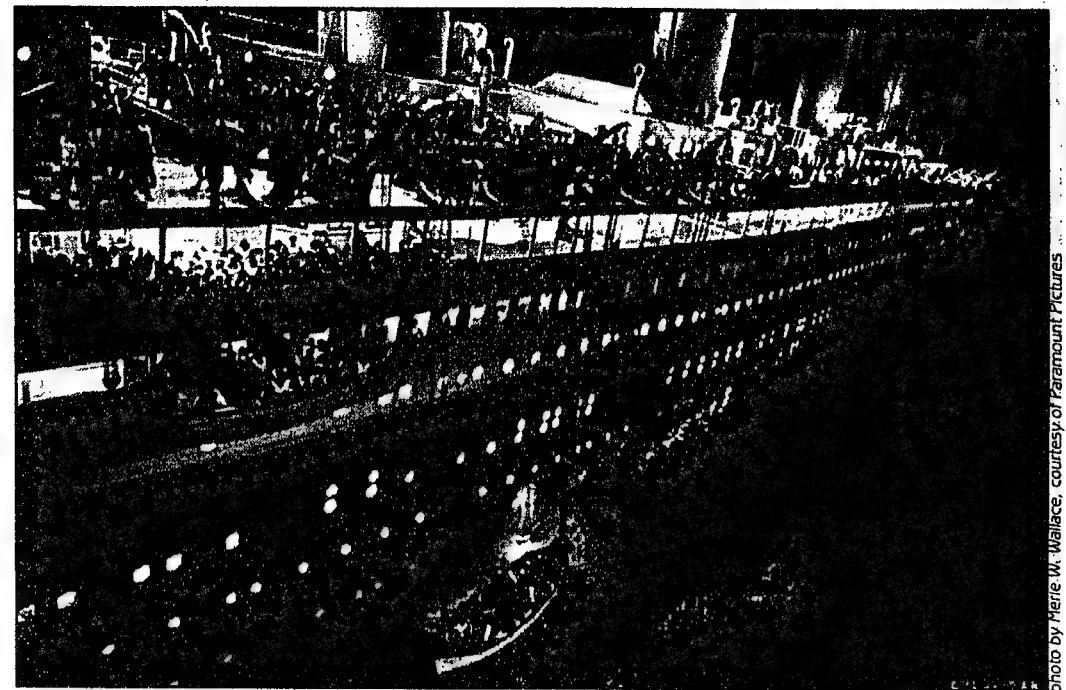
Though a titan in size, it is only a movie and we can close our eyes during the scary parts. Not true for Jack and Rose, who are doomed to go down with the ship. A person who knows the history of the fated voyage is already aware of the inevitable end result of this long boat ride. But the characters endear the viewers so much, they may start to wish that the iceberg would just melt.

This is a love story to end all, with one especially intense scene near the end.

Throughout all the monies spent (and earned), Titanic turned out to be an unstoppable force of nature, not unlike the historical disaster. At the box office, its opening weekend turned out to be one of the largest grossing in history. So, for those few left who have not seen it, you may ask, what is this movie about? Is it a historical account, or what?

At the core of the beautifully told tale is a love story that has no bounds. The love Jack and Rose feel for one another cannot be denied nor changed. The problem, besides the sinking of an "unsinkable" ship,

is that Rose is engaged to be married to steel tycoon Cal Hockley, played by Billy Zane. Hockley intends to provide Rose and her



Lifeboats are lowered in a frantic attempt to survive the sinking of the ill-fated R.M.S. Titanic. Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio star in the film adaptation of the tragic event.

mother, Ruth, played by Frances Fisher, financial support. Upon his death, Rose's father had left her rich family "a legacy of bad debts hidden behind a good name."

Ruth Bukater is, of course, opposed to the blossoming relationship between her only child, a daughter, and a man who sells por-

traits for ten cents a piece. "My mother looked at him as if he were an insect which must be quickly squashed," the now 101-year-old survivor, Rose Dawson Calvert, collects.

Throughout the many obstacles of class, money, the improbability of their ever meeting, Jack and Rose

rise to the challenge, having some fun along the way. This is a love story to end all, with one especially intense scene near the end. With little hope left to live, Jack and Rose are stranded in the middle of the freezing cold Atlantic Ocean and forced to live by their own will.

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Scott's Wallet Pays Off

Review by Ben Thompson

Did you ever have "one of those days?" A couple hundred of my closest friends did last Friday. First, let me give you the lowdown on the situation.

A couple months back, local band Scott's Wallet recorded their first CD ("Shaken Not Stirred"). Hype for the album began with a boom on KGDE's local radio show on Sunday nights and in entertainment 'zine *The Reader*. Things couldn't have looked better for the band for its CD release party scheduled for Friday, Jan. 16. Then came along another shot of El Nino. It wiped out much of the northeast which, conveniently enough, was where "Shaken Not Stirred" was being made. So much for an album release party, instead it'll be a preview suggested Scott's Wallet manager, Wendy Waterman.

So as Friday rolled around, Waterman came up with an alternate plan for those seeking the CD. She instead offered to mail the CD to the purchaser when it arrives in Omaha if they bought the album Friday night. The purchaser did receive a limited edition copy of a Scott's Wallet poster signed by every member and an addressed receipt to confirm the CD.

Waterman made sure she was ready for the masses on Friday with a well-planned attack of T-shirts, stickers, smaller posters and most importantly, an explanation. To my surprise, even after the brush with winter Omaha had on Friday, the Sokol Underground still managed to drag in a couple hundred of its biggest new music fans.

The four-band show began with the veterans of the evening, Beebe. The mix of metal music with vocals ranging from Letters to Cleo to L7 to Dancehall Crashers was a little uneasy on the mind. As the band played further into its set, the music blended much more like a band with history and perception. They played to the crowd, only receiving scattered cheers and few dancers, yet still managed to keep its composure and sound together.

Supercell followed with a round of bar chord pleasure-happy-riot songs. The band has just become a three-guitar crew, and made the most out of its new sound, making sure the pounding rhythm pulsed through the veins. The crowd began to swagger forward

by the time they were through, but it wasn't quite enough to take top billing.

The headliner of the evening, Scott's Wallet, chose to play third. It's still a bit beyond my conscious opinion, but Waterman's choice was final. A full hour of proven songs, that become better and better with each listen, raced through the mind like Carl Lewis in a high school track meet.

If you haven't had the chance to catch Scott's Wallet yet, my personal advice would be to do so soon, before you lose the opportunity. Since my first listen to the band's four song demo tape, they have constructed a family, not only including band members, but the people that have helped and the people they've helped along the way. The band has gelled into a uniform super group that knows where its going, and with Waterman's help, how to get there.

I've had the chance to preview "Shaken Not Stirred" and was eloquently surprised when the band sneaked in to play an instrumental bonus track from the album. It was near impossible to see the band if you were sitting down.

Waterman chose the lineup from some of Scott's Wallet's earliest supporters (Beebe, Supercell and Rocketship Disco). For whatever reason she chose to have her band play third, and she's probably thanking herself for the idea. Rocketship Disco scheduled to play fourth, ran out of time before they could even turn an amp on.

The management at Sokol kicked everybody out about 15 minutes before 1 a.m., not even letting RSD get a chance for one song. Sokol had a choice and had to make it, and I respect that, but when the entire evening is considered, it was done in poor taste.

The sound man showed up when Beebe was supposed to be starting (8:30 p.m.), then between bands, the setup and sound checks took much longer than should be expected at a local band show. A few minutes here and there might not seem much to a billionaire who doesn't leave his own sauna, but for a band trying to break it in Omaha, a few minutes can last a lifetime. This night, it took a few minutes out of all four bands' future plans.

"1776" Lacks Spice

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I always look forward to a show presented by the Nebraska Theatre Caravan players. I can relax in the presence of professional actors and not worry about flubbed lines, missed cues or awkward arm flailing. In "1776", the troupe does not disappoint. The players are comfortable on stage, at ease in their roles and interact among each other in a relaxed and real manner.

Of particular note are Cork Ramer as John Adams and Matthew Kamprath as Benjamin Franklin. Ramer is able to convey through the subtle lift of an eyebrow or twist of the lips, the frustration and confusion Adams experienced. Kamprath, who seems to be the resident character actor of the Caravan, does his usual expert work. His Franklin is joyous; a lover of life, freedom and the ladies. In the role of Richard Henry Lee, a charming ego-

tist, Brandon D. Higdem brings flair, energy and humor. The rest of the crew handle their roles well. The singing is strong and the acting is competent. I must say however, I had a hard time understanding John-Michael Zuerlein, as Edward Rutledge, when he sang a denouncement against the anti-slavery portion of the Declaration. I think all the whip-cracking (just what was a whip doing in Congress anyway) distracted me, for I found myself more interested in whether the guy in the first row would lose an ear than in the song lyrics.

Brush up on your history and enjoy watching good actors do their stuff by seeing "1776", which runs through Feb. 22. Show your UNO student ID for reduced priced tickets. The Playhouse can be reached by calling 554-4890.

Student Group For Skeptics Starts At Ohio State University

By Michelle L. Meyer
Ohio State University
The Lantern

It's hard not to notice the fliers around Ohio State University's campus that read: "We Don't Believe In God. Do You?" But then that's the idea. Students for Freethought, a new campus organization for atheists, agnostics and humanists, posted the eyebrow-raising fliers. "We want to give people something to think about," said August Brunsman, the group's president. Atheism is not believing in God. Agnosticism is believing there isn't enough evidence to say whether God exists, and humanism is centered on human interests. The group wants to educate OSU and the surrounding community about these beliefs and introduce their own philosophy as well. A "freethinker," members say, is anyone who's not afraid to question claims to knowledge or authority. A freethinker also requires proof and reasons for believing and refuses to take a stance out of fear or pressure to conform. Brunsman, a junior psychology major, started the organization because he said there were student groups for religious believers, but none for those who choose not to follow traditional beliefs. "When you come to the campus and go to the oval, you get assaulted by people who want to change you to their way," Brunsman said. "I want people who are freethinkers to meet other freethinkers," he said. The organization believes in the

open discussion of all ideas and in the freedom of people to behave however they want, as long as they are not hurting others. They are against censorship, homophobia, racism, sexism and any ideology professing to be the ultimate truth. "No one ever told me that God was real," said Brunsman, who was raised by parents who were not religious. David Frison, treasurer for the group, was raised United Methodist and went to church every Sunday. "It was something I just didn't question and didn't even look into it all that much," said Frison, a junior majoring in fine arts. When he was about 13 years old, Frison said he began thinking about what the Bible means and wondered whether God exists, he said. "Things just took off from there, and I eventually concluded that reasons for being a Christian were not valid ones," he said. The Bible and any other religious text or doctrine, including scientific theory, cannot be followed blindly, Frison said. "Human knowledge is never final because we can always learn something new and find out that we are wrong," he said. "Critical analysis of everything is the key." The organization's seven members are planning to sponsor forums for debates, discussions and guest speakers. They're hoping everyone, regardless of their personal beliefs, will participate.

"Titanic" Stays Afloat

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"You're going to die warm in your bed ... not here, not this night," a near-death Jack breathes out to Rose. "You've got to promise me you are going to live, and never let go of that promise."

This scene was one of many that took my breath away and made my heart ache. Though freezing to death, all Jack cares about is that Rose will live. His purity of heart and sincere vehemence that Rose must live makes this a most moving scene. It's powerful in itself, but the emotions expressed by Jack on the screen give his lines added strength.

All of the actors deserve kudos for their brilliant acting, but the viewers must not forget those behind the scenes, including director James Cameron. The special effects are so realistic and graphic, that between them, the acting and the music, I was given the sense of being there. I was put in touch with the fear of those dying in the wreckage of a great

ship. The directing gave every minute of the film its worth.

When I was at the theater seeing it for the first time, I thought that it would just be another love story put on a large scale. The previews came and went and once the film started to roll, I knew I was in for so much more. I could not get over how much I felt for these characters and actually feared for their lives. In the scene where Rose tries to jump overboard I shuddered, feeling that we were both going to go overboard.

And yet, this movie was enjoyable to watch, and especially to feel. Every heartbeat, every kiss, every slap, every emotion shone through to my heart and soul. I can only hope that, although there cannot be a sequel, the same cast will come together again for another project. I would rate this film a 10 on a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being highest.

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College Students Need Personal Safety Tips

By Christine Tatum
College Press Service

As best as Boulder police can tell so far, the last time anyone saw 23-year-old Susannah Chase alive and well, she was walking home by herself around 1:30 a.m. on Dec. 21. Police say the junior American studies major at the University of Colorado had had a couple of beers, gotten into an argument with her boyfriend and decided to leave him and another man sitting in a pizza parlor not far away from her off-campus apartment. By the time they found her two hours later, police said Chase had been beaten so badly they couldn't tell if she was a man or a woman. She died two days later. No arrests have been made. The circumstances leading up to Chase's murder sound familiar to many campus police officers around the country. They're careful not to blame the victims — "No one has the right to harm someone else," said Brett Brough, an officer at the University of Colorado — but they quickly add that many students fail to protect themselves as well as they could or should. Too often, students are easy targets for assault and robbery, police say. They fail to pay attention to their surroundings, walk alone at night and drink more than they should with no trusted friends around to help should they encounter trouble. Though she wasn't legally impaired, Chase's blood alcohol content was .037. "That's not much, but I'm sure it had some effect on her," said Jennifer Bray, a spokeswoman for the city of Boulder. "She was a small girl." The key to self-protection is self-awareness, experts say. "You can't let your defenses down," said Sgt. Chris Keary, an officer on the University of Kansas' campus. "We tell people all the time to find a designated walker or driver. A lot of times, there are people who don't like to drink but who do like to go out. Ask them to pay attention to surroundings for you." Campus police have developed lists of safety tips they dole out every year during freshman orientation. Usually topping them are "Never walk at night alone," and "Stick to well-lit and well-traveled pathways." Many attacks could have been avoided if students hadn't been walking by themselves, police say. "We say it all the time, but people still don't pay attention," said Sgt. Gilbert Bussey, an officer at Georgetown University. "And then when something does happen, we hear the same thing all the time: 'I never thought it would happen to me.'" Some safety suggestions campus police wish more students would follow: — Be aware of your surroundings. "People tune out when they walk," said Lt. Angela Carmon an officer at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "They read the paper, or they have their nose in a book. People will take advantage of you when you're not paying attention." — Trust your instincts. Cross the street or stay inside if you see someone who makes you feel uncomfortable. "People tell me all the time that as soon as they walked out the door, something didn't feel right," Brough

said. "If you think something is out of place, chances are good that it actually is." Added Keary: "When someone is walking behind you, don't be afraid to turn around and make eye contact. Let them know that you've seen them. They may fear you'll recognize them later, too." — Use bank machines during the day, and avoid carrying a lot of money at once. "I think a lot of people don't need any more than \$20 to get them through the night," Bussey said. "The more you have on you, the more you're going to lose." Added Keary: "Just make sure you have enough to make a phone call if you need someone to help you." — Think about what you wear. Just as robbers often look for flashy jewelry, rapists watch for clothing that makes a woman's body easily accessible, police say. — Carry protection, such as pepper spray, only if you know how

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to use it." It can wind up doing you more harm than good if someone wrestles it from you," Bussey said. Added Brough: "Understand how it works, what its range is and when it works best." — Don't be a foolish hero. "The biggest fear I have is of someone who walks their friend home to help them out and then thinks they can walk home by themselves," Brough said. "It goes for women, and it goes for men, too." To prevent such cases, many campuses offer escort and shuttle services during evening hours. — Don't leave drinks unattended. Take them with you, or order new ones when you can't. Rohypnol, an illegal drug also known as "roofies" or "roachies," is increasingly being used on college campuses. It's a colorless, odorless and tasteless drug that causes sedation or euphoria in about 15 minutes. People under the influence often appear to be intoxicated. They may seem to be awake and functioning, but many times can't remember later what they were doing. Rapists often take advantage of their victim's temporary memory loss. — Stick with friends, especially when you know you'll be drinking alcohol. "So many things can happen," Brough said. "And nobody wants that to be the last time they see someone alive."

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They Shoot, They Score, They Win

Sports

Mavs post first win in 58 days

by Andy Nordmeier

Call it what you will. Fifty-eight days, ten games and enough frustration to make a national crisis look like playtime. That described the Mavs and their 10-game losing streak.

It didn't seem like it would get any easier as they visited the top-ranked team, the defending champions in Division II, Alabama-Huntsville Chargers.

And then it happened. The Mavs won. They countered each of the Chargers' first period goals and played strong hockey in the last two periods to earn a 5-2 victory on Saturday afternoon in Huntsville, Ala.

The first minute of the game saw the Chargers (16-2-1) draw first blood.

John McCabe beat Mav goaltender Jason Mitchell through the legs at the 1:02 mark for his ninth of the year. Jamie Baby and

Mike Hamlin were credited with assist on the play.

The Mavs (6-16-0) responded at 4:36 when David Noel-Bernier scored his first of the year to tie the game at 1-1. Noel-Bernier took a pair of pretty passes from James Chalmer and Jason White and beat Charger goaltender Cedrick Billequey.

Defenseman Ryan Glynn gave the Mavs a 2-1 edge at 10:31 with his first of the year from Vic Sharma. Glynn skated in from the point and tucked it behind Billequey along the ice for the lead.

Before the period ended, the Chargers got a chance to display their lethal power play and it led to a tie score. The Chargers came in converting on 30 of 91 opportunities on the season.

Sharma was in the box for hitting after the whistle. Hamlin made

sure he felt the full effect of that hit as he tied the game at 18:06.

The Mavs came out in the second period and shut down the vaunted Charger power play and its offense which averaged over five goals a game.

Sharma made up for his penalty by scoring the eventual game-winner at 13:23 of the period. He was set up by captain Jeff Edwards and Sean Cavan for his fourth goal of the year.

The Mavs padded the lead five minutes later when Edwards tucked one behind Billequey to give the Mavs a two goal lead at 18:28. The goal was his second of the year. Chalmer and Josh Lampman were given the assists on the play.

The success of the second period was spoiled by the loss of Derek Reynolds. Reynolds was hit hard



#26 Jason Cupp advances the puck into opposition territory as #13 Vic Sharma backs him up.

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Basketball Teams Shooting Blanks

Mavs go south in standings against North Dakota

by Andy Nordmeier

The Mav basketball teams dropped both their games against North Dakota on Saturday night and sank deeper toward the cellar of the North Central Conference standings.

The women were facing the third-rated team in the country and found out why they were ranked that high in a hurry.

The Sioux (17-1, 9-0 in the North Central Conference) dominated the whole game and hammered the Lady Mavs 101-49 in the Hyslop Sports Arena in Grand Forks, N.D.

The loss was the team's seventh straight.

The Mavs were in the game for the first 10 minutes. Then the wheels fell off yet again.

The Lady Mavs (8-10, 2-7 in NCC) were victimized by poor shooting in the first half as they hit on 10-of-33 shots from the floor while the Sioux converted on half of their 34 attempts. Of those 17 field goals, five came from three-point land and left the Lady Mavs staring at a 45-22 half-time deficit.

The second half saw the Sioux put into

overdrive and seal the win in the early going of the half. The Sioux outscored the Lady Mavs 56-27 in the half to end any hopes of a come-from-behind win.

The sister act of Tiffany and Jaime Pudenz combined for 32 points, eight rebounds, 12 assists and four steals to help sink the Lady Mavs.

Add double-doubles from Mandy Arndtson (15 points, 11 rebounds) and Jenny Crouse (16 points, 11 rebounds) to the mix

and it led to the Sioux domination.

The Lady Mavs were out rebounded 55-32 and were shot down by the Sioux on the foul line as well. The Sioux converted on 25 of 31 opportunities from the line. It was the sixth time this season that the Sioux have scored over 100 points and the second time the Lady Mavs have surrendered over 100.

The men were in their game for the first half, but then disintegrated in the second half and lost to the Sioux 94-80.

The opening seven minutes were a seesaw battle as neither team led by more than five points at any one time.

The Sioux went on a 7-0 run thanks to a three from Brady Larson and baskets from Hunter Berg and Josh Hansen to put them up 22-18.

The Mavs responded with a 10-0 run of their won to reclaim the lead at 28-22 with about nine minutes left in the half. The run was keyed by a pair of Mike Simons' three pointers.

The teams traded baskets for the remainder of the half but the Mavs took a 47-39 lead with them into the locker room.

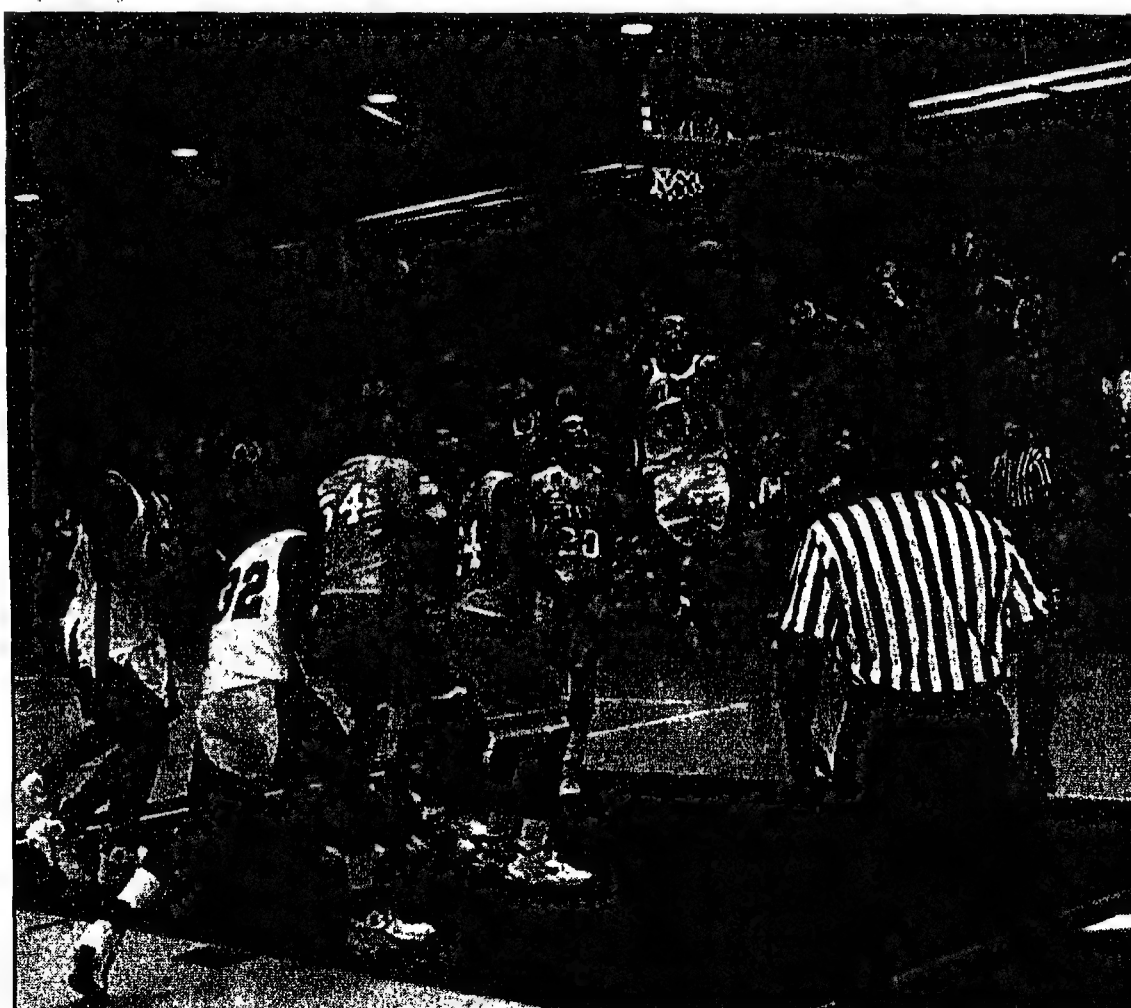
The half saw the Mavs hit on 17 of their 29 shots including five of eight from behind the arc. The Sioux connected on 11 of 28, but hung close on a 14 for 16 effort on the foul line.

They must have left the lead there because the Sioux swapped roles with the Mavs and were the hot shooters in the second half while the Mavs could not get started.

The Sioux opened with a 16-5 run to take the lead at 55-52. It was highlighted by a three-point play from Berg, four points from Chad Mustard and another three from Larson.

The Mavs did level off the rally and cut the deficit to one behind a Charles Box jumper and a dunk from Corey Griffin. It looked like the Mavs had a shot to come back and sweep the weekend series trailing 60-59 with about 10 minutes to play.

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#31 Mike Simons beats out his defenders on a lay-up at a recent game.

photo by Chad Greene

by Andy Nordmeier

The Mavs don't get any breaks this weekend as they face fourth-ranked Central Oklahoma back in Edmond, Okla. Friday and then travel to Kearney, Neb. to take on Nebraska-Kearney and Adams State in a triangular meet on Saturday.



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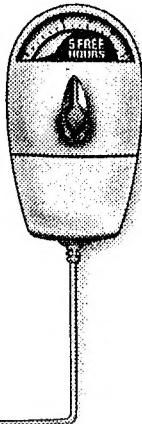
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Strength in Numbers

Relay teams help Mavs to fifth place

by Andy Nordmeier

The Lady Mav swimming and diving team took its act on the road to the Washington Invite in St. Louis, Mo. last weekend and swam their way to fifth place finish in the eight team field.

Overall, Washington University won the meet with 1,150 points. The Mavs' 284 points were three ahead of Illinois Institute of Technology's 281 in the race for fifth.

The bulk of the team's points came from the relay teams. In the 200-yard medley relay, the foursome of Erin Johns, Kim Ferris, Steph Patterson and Kristy Malone took home third place in a time of 2:01.83 and gave the team 32 points.

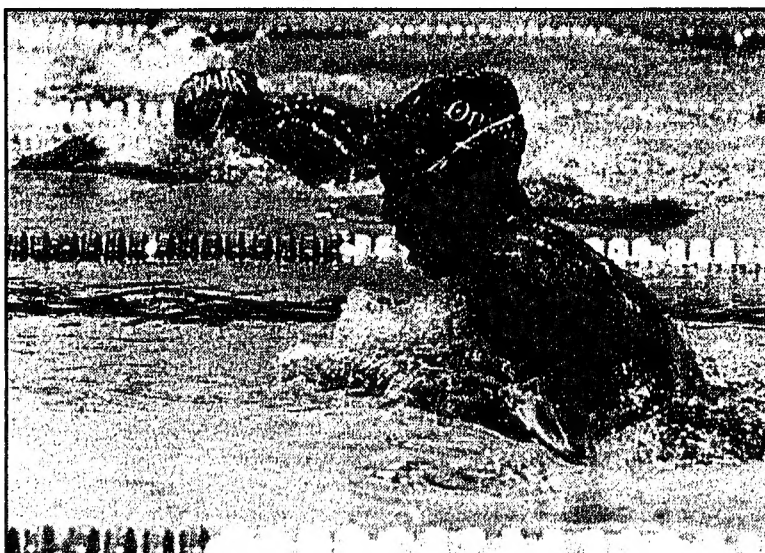
Johns, Ferris, Patterson and Malone added 30 points with their fourth place finish in the 800-yard freestyle relay, in a time of 8:52.30.

The 400-medley relay took third as well in 4:29.83. The time was six seconds behind the second place team and nine seconds ahead of the fourth place finishers. The 400-freestyle relay accounted for 34 points as the foursome finished second in a time of 3:55.67.

In all, the relays accounted for 128 of the team's 284 points.

The Mavs also turned in some outstanding solo efforts.

In the 200-yard individual medley, Patterson placed seventh in 2:28.00 and added 12 points to the team score and took seventh in the 500-yard freestyle in a time of 5:45.57. Patterson also took home second place in the 100-yard butterfly.



Kim Ferris makes waves at a recent swim meet. She placed second in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Ferris made waves with a second place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke. Her time of 1:12.54 was 1.23 seconds behind the winner. She also placed third in the 200-yard breaststroke in 2:41.25.

Malone also had a huge day individually as well. She was the Mavs' lone event winner as she touched the wall first in the 200-yard freestyle. Her time of 2:00.95 was only a second behind the meet record which has stood since 1986 (1:59.54).

Malone also picked up third in the 200-yard backstroke in 2:19.67. She

missed out on second place by two-tenths of a second. Malone also earned fifth place in the 1650-yard freestyle in 19:56.14.

Up next for the Mavs is a return meet against the University of South Dakota Coyotes. The Coyotes beat the Mavs in the first meet in school history on Oct. 31 and it is also the last meet of the regular season before the conference meet in mid-February. The meet will start at 1 p.m. Saturday afternoon in the Health Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) building.



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Shooting Blanks

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Another three from Simons kept the Mavs in it down by two at 67-65 with 9:18 left in the game. That would be the last scoring the Mavs would have for a while as the Sioux went a 17-3 tear in a five minute span to knock the Mavs out.

It was a two-man game between Larson and Travis that shot the Mavs down. Larson hit another three, Travis added a hoop, Larson stole the ball in the back court and Travis hit again for a quick 8-0 spurt.

Griffin and Robert Green combined for three free throws and then the Sioux went back to work.

Ben Brickson hit a three and Larson and Hansen added buckets for a 7-0 run and to cap off the flurry. When the dust settled, the Mavs stared at an 84-68 deficit and 4:02 left on the game clock. The Mavs never came closer than 10 after that point.

The Mavs try to get back on track this weekend as they host the St. Cloud State Huskies on Friday night and the Mankato State Mavericks Saturday in the Sapp Fieldhouse. Tip-off is at 6 p.m. for the women and 8:05 p.m. for the men.

Hockey Team Shoots, Scores

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and left the game with a separated shoulder. His status is uncertain for the series against Air Force.

The third period saw the Mavs add an insurance goal to seal their sixth win of the season.

Center Jason White, who was battling illness, scored at the 12:40 mark to push the lead to 5-2. Edwards picked up his second assist, and third point of the game, on the play and Ryan Bencurik also hit the score sheet with an assist as well. It was the Mavs' 14th goal of the year in 122 opportunities with the man advantage and White's fifth of the season.

Mitchell (4-11) finished the game by stopping 30 of the 32 shots he faced and lowered his goals against average in the process. He came in at 3.55 allowed per game.

At the other end of the ice Billequey suffered his first loss against 12 wins this season (12-1). He stopped 35 of 40 Mav shots in the losing effort.



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#26 Jason Cupp advances the puck into opposition territory as #13 Vic Sharma blocks a defender at a recent hockey game.

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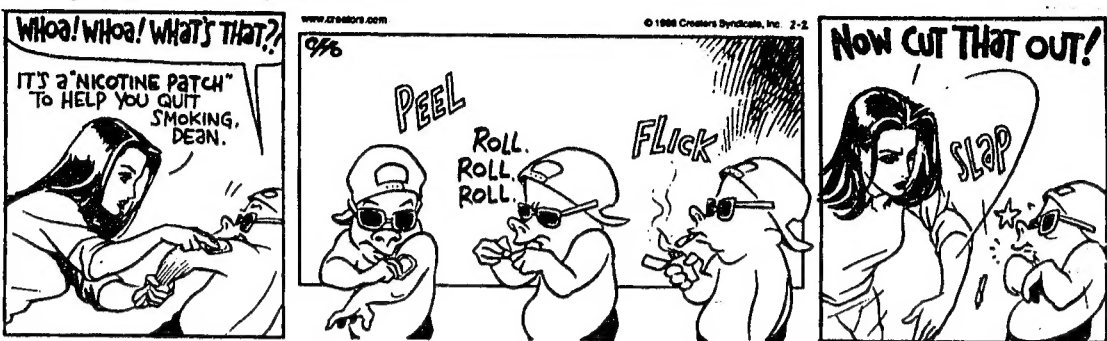


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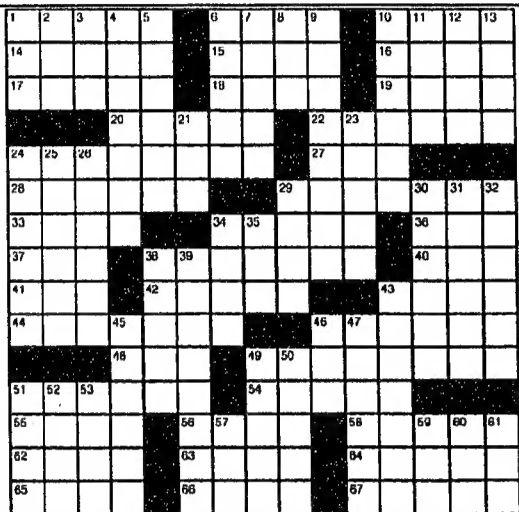
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12 noon Minority Health
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12 noon Goodrich Students
3 pm Candidate Forum
4 pm Chi Omega
5:30 pm Career Center
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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FirstChoice Healthcare's Hospice Program is now taking applications for volunteers. If interested please request an application by calling (402) 397-8330.

GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS

State room in MBSC 12:00 noon to 12:50p.m. on Tuesdays for readings from "Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul." "Chicken Soup" readings for your hungry soul and bagels for your hungry body. Campus Lutheran Fellowship Pastor Dell Tschudin 5 9 7 - 1 4 9 8 tschudin@unomaha.edu

The Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous is here on campus. Join us Wednesdays at noon, in the Redick Room on 3rd floor of the Student Center.

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HELP WANTED

Sky Harbor Air Service, Inc. has immediate openings for a **Charter Secretary & a Building Maintenance Assistant**. The minimum educational requirements for both positions are: High school graduate or equivalent; or 1-3 months related experience and/or training. Candidates for the Charter Secretary must have strong customer service and clerical skills, must be proficient in the use of PC's, word processing and spreadsheet software and must be knowledgeable of cities, states and their locations. Hrs: M-F 8a.m.-4:30p.m. Starting salary \$8.50/hr. Candidates for the Building Maintenance Assistant must have strong leadership skills, be a quick learner and have a valid drivers license and good driving record. Hrs: M&F 2p.m.-10p.m., Tues.-Thurs., 8a.m.-4:30p.m. Starting salary \$7.00/hr. Qualified applicants can apply at 3737 Orville Plaza, Omaha, NE. (AA/EEO)

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Temporary Help Needed
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Wanted Outstanding
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The 4-H Camps in Nebraska, located at the Nebraska National Forest-Halsey, Schram State Park-Gretna, and Harlan County Reservoir-Alma, are accepting applications for summer staff. Spend mid-May to mid-August leading youth in outdoor programs. You will be trained to teach nature, ropes/confidence course, canoeing, tubing, crafts, overnight camping, and many more programs. You do not need to be in 4-H to apply. Application deadline: February 28, 1998. For information call (308) 533-2224 or email: thyd025@unlvm.unl.edu.

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

GO TO CAMP THIS SUMMER! Nebraska's most beautiful resident camp, YMCA Camp Kitaki, located on the Platte River, is seeking applicants for the following positions: Counselors, Wranglers, Lifeguards, Waterfront Director, Crafts Instructors, Nature Director, Ropes Course guides. Call 402-434-9225 or write Camp Kitaki 6000 Cornhusker Hwy., Lincoln, NE 68507 for an application.

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